

SOUTHSIDE PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Annual Dinner Meeting
October 30, 2025

Southside PDC Chair Tom Tanner welcomed everyone to the Southside PDC Annual Dinner Meeting, held at the Brunswick County Conference Center in Lawrenceville, on October 30, 2025. Chair Tanner thanked Brunswick County for hosting this year's meeting and introduced Dr. Barbara Jarrett Harris, Chair of Brunswick County Board of Supervisors, who provided the welcoming comments to the dinner attendees.

Southside PDC Executive Director Andy Wells recognized special guests, and sponsors of the Annual Dinner Meeting. Executive Director Wells thanked the Southside PDC Commissioners and past commissioners for their support. Executive Directors Wells recognized all our sponsors, Gold and Bronze, for their generous sponsorship, giving our Gold Sponsors a moment to speak about their business if they would like. Our Gold Sponsor, Timmons Group, was represented by several team members, with Joe Hines speaking on their behalf and sharing information about their business and their work with SPDC. B&B Consultants declined the opportunity to speak, and Executive Director Wells noted that Rural Resilience Advisors were unable to attend and speak about their business.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The following guests were recognized for their committed work and dedication to serving our communities:

- Chris Thompson – Director of Strategic Housing, Virginia Housing
- David Blount – VAPDC
- Coleman Speece – Past Southside PDC Chair
- Gregg Gordon – Past Southside PDC Chair

The following Sponsors were recognized for their partnership and contributions:

GOLD Sponsors

- **Timmons Group**
- **Rural Resilience Advisors**
- **B&B Consultants**

Bronze Sponsors

- SERCAP
- Letterpress
- First Citizens Bank
- Dewberry
- Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative
- Empower Broadband
- Southside Outreach Group

- Southside Electric Cooperative
- Cedric Stovall Designs

INVOCATION

Alfreda Reynolds, Director of Economic Development for Brunswick County, delivered the invocation and a special recognition of our outgoing Executive Director Deborah Gosney.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tanner called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Executive Director Andy Wells called the roll. With 12 commissioners being present, a quorum was met for this meeting.

Brunswick County	Present	Virtual	Absent
Dr. Alfonzo Seward	X		
Leslie Weddington – Treasurer	X		
Dr. Barbara Jarrett-Harris	X		
Halifax County			
Stanley Brandon			X
William Claiborne	X		
Jerry Lovelace	X		
Keith McDowell	X		
Scott Simpson			X
Mecklenburg County			
Joe Cappaert	X		
Charlie Simmons			X
Claudia Lundy	X		
Tom Tanner – Chair	X		
Kirk Gravitt	X		
South Boston			
Joseph Chandler	X		
George Leonard – Vice Chair	X		
South Hill			
Kim Callis – Past Chair			X
Lillie Feggins-Boone			X
TOTAL	12		5

Staff	Present	Virtual	Absent
Deborah Gosney, Executive Director	X		
Andy Wells, Executive Director	X		
Leslie Kubasek, Finance Director/HR	X		
Ashleigh Zincone, Senior Community Planner	X		
Sangi Cooper, Senior Planner	X		
Erika Tanner, Community Planner II	X		
Chad Neese, Senior Planner/GIS Specialist	X		
Tanya Jessup, Administrative Assistant	X		
Tyler Creedle, GIS Technician	X		

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda including the Meeting Agenda, Meeting Minutes dated July 24, 2025, Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 2025, were submitted in the meeting packet emailed prior to the meeting. No changes to the Consent Agenda. Upon motion by Alfonzo Seward, seconded by George Leonard, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

GUEST SPEAKER

Bob Holsworth, Managing Principal of DecideSmart, LLC, served as guest speaker for the Annual Dinner Meeting. Mr. Holsworth provided an overview of the current political climate in the Commonwealth, including discussion of the gubernatorial, lieutenant governor, and attorney general races, as well as selected General Assembly and delegate contests. He also addressed other recent political developments and issues across Virginia, highlighting broader trends and factors shaping the state's political environment.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Gosney reported on the following:

- **Recognition and Appreciation** – Outgoing Executive Director Gosney expressed her appreciation to the Southside Planning District Commission for the years she spent with the organization and for the support she received throughout her tenure.
- **Annual Dinner Attendance** – Outgoing Executive Director Gosney reviewed the number of attendees at this year's Annual Dinner and noted the continued growth and engagement from regional partners and stakeholders.
- **Reflections on Service** – Outgoing Executive Director Gosney spoke about her career with the SPDC, highlighting memorable projects, regional initiatives, and the accomplishments achieved during her time with the Commission.

- **Service Award Presentation** – Outgoing Executive Director Gosney presented **Sangi Cooper** with her **15 Years of Service Award**, recognizing her longstanding dedication to the Commission.

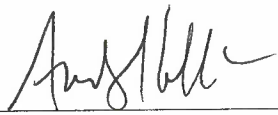
OTHER BUSINESS

- **Recognition of Retirement** – The Commission celebrated Outgoing Executive Director Gosney's career and retirement, expressing appreciation for her many years of dedicated and impactful service.
- **Presentation of Gifts** – Mrs. Gosney was presented with a custom **metal sign** from the PDC Commissioners in recognition of her service. She also received a **gift basket** and well-wishes from **Brunswick County**.
- **Gordon N. Dixon Award Presentation** – VAPDC Executive Director **David Blount** presented Mrs. Gosney with the **Gordon Dixon Award**, recognizing her leadership, commitment, and outstanding contributions to promoting regionalism throughout Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.


Tom Tanner, PDC Chair


Andy Wells, PDC Secretary